

SAPIENT FAQs

Q: Can Universities participate in the SAPIENT Program and is there a way to do unclassified research on the SAPIENT Program?

A: We are looking for proposals for integrated solutions; and a prime contractor could structure a proposal to have unclassified research performed by a university, or any other organization that doesn't have cleared facilities and associated security infrastructures. However, the prime contractor would have to ensure that the research remains unclassified, and be able to integrate the unclassified products, as necessary. Adherence to the SAPIENT Security Classification Guide is mandatory.

Q: What does NOFORN really mean?

A: NOFORN is an obsolete caveat used with intelligence information. The current caveat is "U.S. ONLY." Both mean that information may not be released to foreigners or foreign governments and must be referred to the originator. National Foreign Disclosure Policies do allow resident aliens (green card holders) to work with export controlled information (in this case unclassified SAPIENT information) without a need for an export license, however, non-residents can't have access to SAPIENT unclassified technology. Furthermore, resident aliens may not participate in any classified efforts.

Q: When will the details for the SAPIENT Industry Day be posted?

A: The modification to the SAPIENT BAA with the details for the SAPIENT Industry Day has been posted. The SAPIENT Industry Day will be held on 10 August 2004. Please see <http://www.eps.gov/spg/ODA/DARPA/CMO/BAA04-32/listing.html> and <https://www.schafertmd.com/sapient/>

Q: How many awards are expected and for how much money?

A: The Government desires to award the optimum combination of proposals, which offers the best overall value to the Government. DARPA reserves the right to fund some, all, or none of the proposals submitted under this BAA. Further, DARPA may choose to select for negotiation all of a given proposal, or selected portions thereof. For Phase I, we expect to make multiple awards to last eighteen (18) months. Future phases are not guaranteed, but for Phase II, if progress warrants, we anticipate selecting at least three (3) performers to continue for another eighteen (18) months. Finally, for Phase III, if progress warrants, DARPA expects to select two (2) performers will be selected to continue for another twelve (12) months.

Q: How do I get a copy of the SAPIENT Security Classification Guide (SCG)?

From the SAPIENT PIP: A Security Classification Guide (SCG) from DARPA is available to eligible contractors in order to properly protect any information submitted into this program solicitation. To obtain a copy of the Security Classification Guide, (which is For Official Use Only), please contact:

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Additionally, you will need to provide: the organization you represent ; CAGE code; and security POC (name/office and fax number). Mr. McGoldrick will verify that your organization is eligible to receive the SCG, prior to providing you with a copy.